
Douglas County's Older Population

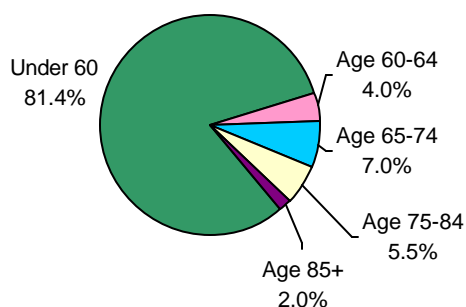
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Douglas County is higher than that of the state as a whole (14.5% versus 13.1%). The size of the older population has decreased 7.6% since 1990, in contrast to 7.9% growth in the state as a whole. In all, 6,291 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 872 of these are age 85 or older. Douglas County's average (or median) age is 37.7 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Douglas County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	43,287		41,758		1,529	3.7%
Persons 60 and over	8,039	18.6%	8,673	20.8%	-634	-7.3%
Persons 65 and over	6,291	14.5%	6,807	16.3%	-516	-7.6%
Persons 85 and over	872	2.0%	811	1.9%	61	7.5%

Age Groups, 2000: Percent of Douglas County Population in Each Group



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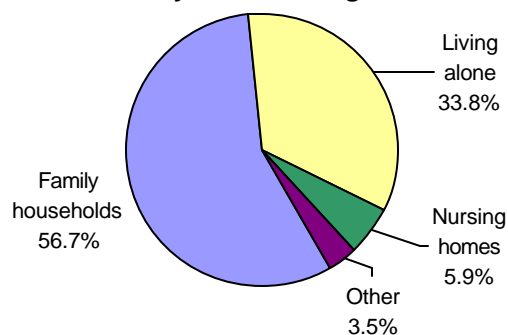
A large majority (98.8%) of Douglas County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Douglas County African Americans have a median age of 26.1 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 19.9 years. Whites, in contrast, average 38.3 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 17,808 households in Douglas County, 4,399 include at least one person age 65 or older (24.7% of all households). A total of 4,144 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 73.4% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (56.7%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 33.8% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.3% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 369 people age 65 and older live in Douglas County nursing homes (5.9% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

Living Arrangements of Douglas County Residents Age 65+



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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